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# Campaign Committees

## What is a campaign committee?

(§130.011 RSMo.)

A campaign committee is a campaign finance committee, other than a candidate committee, formed by an individual or group of individuals to receive contributions or make expenditures (spend money) for:

- ⇒ the sole purpose of supporting or opposing the qualification and passage of one or more particular **ballot measures** in an election; or for
- ⇒ the **retention of judges** under the nonpartisan court plan

A campaign committee must:

1. **Form** no later than thirty (30) days prior to the election for which the committee is receiving contributions or making expenditures (spending money); and
2. **Appoint** a treasurer and may appoint a deputy treasurer to serve in the event the committee treasurer is unable for any reason to perform the treasurer's duties. (See below)

**Treasurer/deputy treasurer** must be a resident of Missouri AND if campaign committee is formed to support or oppose **local** ballot measure(s), treasurer & deputy treasurer (if one appointed) must also be a resident of the county/district in which the committee is domiciled.

3. **Open** a committee bank account held in the name of the committee.
4. **Register** by filing a *Statement of Committee Organization* with the appropriate authority (see "Where to file?" below) within twenty (20) days of forming the committee or no later than the deadline for filing the first required disclosure report.

### Where to file?

Statewide ballot measures	MEC (Missouri Ethics Commission)
Local ballot measures	Local Election Authority (County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners)
Non-partisan Supreme Court & Appellate Judges	MEC
Non-partisan Circuit, Associate and Municipal Judges	MEC & Local Election Authority (County Clerk or Board of Election Commissioners)
Committees required to register with MEC must e-file their disclosure reports	

5. **File** cumulative disclosure reports beginning on the date the committee received its first contribution and continuing for each reporting period thereafter.
6. **Terminate** the later of either thirty (30) days after the general election or upon satisfaction of all committee debt after the general election, except that no committee retiring debt can engage in any other activities in support of a measure for which the committee was formed.

## Ballot Measures by Petition

(130.046.2 RSMo.)

In the case of ballot measures to be qualified to be on the ballot by an **initiative petition**, **referendum petition** or a **recall petition** seeking to remove an incumbent from office, additional disclosure reports related to the time for filing such petitions must be filed:

- ⇒ **Initial 15 Day Report**—Must be filed fifteen (15) days after the committee begins the process of raising or spending money. Time period covered begins on the day the committee first accepted contributions or made expenditures (spent money) to support or oppose the petition effort for qualification of the measure and closes on the fifth day prior to the date of the report.
- ⇒ **15 Day After Petition Deadline Report**—Must be filed no later than the fifteenth (15) day after the deadline for submitting the petition.

**NOTE:** Campaign committees must also file all other disclosure reports as required by law, which may include a *40 Day Before Election*, *8 Day Before Election*, *30 Day After Election*, *Quarterly Reports* and any additional "as needed" reports (*48 Hour Report of Contributions over \$5,000* and *24 Hour Notice of Late Contribution*). See filing **calendars** on our website for exact dates.